COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2187.05

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATOR:

DATE OF COMPLAINT:

DATE OF REPORT:

Brian Simkins

October 25, 2004

November 22, 2004

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: no

DATE OF CLOSURE: December 1, 2004

COMPLAINT ISSUES:

Whether the Anderson Community School Corporation and the Anderson Area Special Education Cooperative violated:

511 IAC 7-27-7(a) by failing to implement the student's individualized education program (IEP) as written, specifically by failing to provide an interpreter.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- 1. The Student has been identified as having a communication disorder and a hearing impairment and determined eligible for special education and related services.
- 2. The Student's IEP, dated January 16, 2004, indicates that the Student is to have an interpreter for six and one-half hours daily, five days per week in the general education classroom.
- 3. The School acknowledges that the Student was not provided an interpreter for every class hour until October 25, 2004. The Complainant acknowledges that a new interpreter has been hired and the Student's IEP is now being implemented as written.

CONCLUSIONS:

Findings of Fact #2 and #3 indicate that the School did not implement the Student's IEP as written by failing to provide an interpreter. Therefore, a violation of 511 IAC 7-27-7(a) is found.

The Department of Education, Division of Exceptional Learners requires the following corrective action based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions listed above.

CORRECTIVE ACTION:

The Anderson Community School Corporation shall:

Convene the Student's case conference committee to determine whether and to what extent compensatory services will be provided the Student as a result of falling behind due to the School's failure to provide an interpreter. A copy of the Case Conference written report and IEP shall be submitted to the Division no later than December 17, 2004.